

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Bureau of Environmental Regulations and Licensure



The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is responsible for protecting and promoting the health of Missourians by assess health status and needs, developing policies and priorities, and assuring that the state is responding appropriately.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

Services provided on a nondiscriminatory basis

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The Bureau of Environmental Regulations and Licensure is involved in the administration of environmental sanitation programs in accordance with Missouri statutes.

Bureau Programs and their services include the following

Lead Licensing Program

- Review applications and qualifications to determine compliance with lead licensing rules, and issue licenses and photo identification badges. There are currently six categories of lead licenses: lead abatement workers, lead abatement supervisors, lead inspectors, risk assessors, project designers and lead abatement contractors (firms).
- Administer examinations for the licensure of lead abatement supervisors, lead inspectors, and risk assessors.
- Conduct inspections of lead abatement worksites to determine compliance with licensure regulations and work practice standards/regulations.
- Review lead training provider applications and curricula to determine compliance with accreditation regulations, and grant accreditation of lead training providers.
- Conduct audits of lead training providers to determine compliance with accreditation regulations.
- Receive and investigate complaints on unlicensed individuals and contractors conducting lead abatement and/or lead-based paint detection activities, lead abatement and/or lead-based paint detection of activities improperly conducted, and complaints on lead training providers.
- Provide lists of licensed individuals to the public.
- Provide information on lead abatement methods.

Technical Assistance for LPHA's

- Provide technical assistance to local public health agencies on a variety of environmental public health issues.
- Provide technical assistance for general sanitation.
- Provide consultation on recreational water supplies, including swimming pools.
- Provide information to Industry and public via the Internet.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM

- Conduct Initial Licensing inspections of proposed childcare providers.
- Review blue prints to determine compliance of sanitation guidelines.
- Provide technical assistance to local public health agency EPHS's on environmental childcare issues.
- Provide training to local public health agency EPHS's.
- Provide training to licensed child care providers.
- Provide environmental response to any emergencies affecting licensed childcare facilities.
- Contract with local public health agencies to perform sanitation inspections for licensed childcare facilities.
- Receive and investigate sanitation complaints on licensed childcare facilities.
- Provide Lead Risk Assessments for licensed and proposed childcare facilities.

RETAIL FOOD SAFETY AND FOOD PROCESSING PROGRAMS

- Assuring the safety and protection of food to minimize the potential risk of food-borne illnesses by working in partnership with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to assure food products are manufactured, stored and distributed in a safe, wholesome manner,
- assuring inspection of food establishments for compliance with sanitation codes and standards,

- reviewing plans for new food facilities, assuring that salvage operations do not allow food products potentially harmful to human health to enter commerce.
- Certifying food sources located in Missouri for interstate and international transport.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Provide guidelines/recommendations, training and technical assistance/consultation to local public health agencies on coordination of disease outbreak investigations, disease investigation control activities, food sanitation, and analysis of data.
- Provide rapid response to public health emergencies and natural disasters, including bioterrorism events.
- Provide public health response to any emergencies affecting food, lodging safety and private water.

LODGING PROGRAM

- Review applications and inspections to determine compliance of the new lodging rule, assuring sanitation and safety of commercial lodging establishments.
- Issue licenses to those commercial lodging establishments that comply.
- Provide training to local public health agencies and industry on lodging regulations.

ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM PROGRAM

- Permit and inspect new construction and repairs of Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) facilities in compliance with state standards in 11 counties.
- Contract with local public health agencies for permitting new construction and repairs of OWTS facilities in compliance with state standards in 43 counties.
- Provide technical assistance to county and municipal agencies that permit new construction and repairs of OWTS facilities under local onsite sewage ordinances.
- Review applications and qualifications for OWTS professionals to determine compliance with rules, and issue registration and licenses. There are currently five categories of OWTS registration and licenses: OWTS installers, advanced OWTS installers, onsite soil evaluators, percolation testers, and private OWTS inspectors/evaluators (real estate related).
- Review OWTS professional training provider applications and curricula to determine compliance with certification requirements, and certify OWTS training providers.
- Provide training courses for OWTS installers, advanced installers, inspectors/evaluators and local regulatory agency staff.
- Administer examinations for the onsite soil evaluators.
- Provide lists of registered and licensed individuals to the public.
- Monitor OWTS training providers to determine compliance with certification requirements.
- Receive and investigate complaints on unregistered or unlicensed individuals conducting OWTS installations, onsite soil evaluations, percolation tests and inspections/ evaluations and on registered or licensed OWTS professionals improperly conducting OWTS activities.
- Review new/innovative OWTS technology for compliance with standards and for effectiveness in protecting health and environment.
- Respond to all radiological emergencies.

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